

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-56, 83-85, 96-106, 130-133, 136-139 and 142-189 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1-56, 83-85, 96-106, 130-133, 136-139 and 142-189 remain pending in the Application after entry of this Amendment. No new matter has been entered.

In the Office Action, claims 1-13, 20-21 and 47-48 stand objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12, 14-24, 30-33, 35-36, 38-56, 83-85, 105-106, 131 and 133 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui (“An Efficient Text Input Method for Pen-Based Computers”).

Claims 6, 10-11, 13, 96-104, 130, 132, 136-139, 142-189 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of Agulnick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,347,295).

Claims 25 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of Palm OS (“PalmPilot Handook”, copyright 1997 3C, Pgs. 37-39).

Claims 26 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of Bellman et al. (“A probabilistic character layout strategy for mobile text entry”).

Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masui in view of Mankoff et al. (“Cirrin: a word-level unistroke keyboard for pen input”).

Interview Summary

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Blackwell and Examiner Hutton for conducting an interview on April 3, 2007 with Applicants’ undersigned representative.

Applicants’ representative noted to the Examiners several deficiencies found in the Office Action dated January 5, 2007. Applicants’ representative further argued that the use of Official Notice without any documentary evidence in the Office Action is inappropriate in this action.

Examiner Hutton agreed to withdraw the Office Action dated January 5, 2007.

In light of the decision to withdraw the Office Action dated January 5, 2007, Applicants' representative further identified that Masui does not teach or suggest several of the claim limitation of the corresponding claims. Applicants' representative also argued that the Official Notice taken by the Examiner would also serve to cripple the input method of Masui, and thus the Examiner's suggestion to combine is deficient.

Applicants' representative further identified that Agulnick does not teach or suggest each and every claim limitation of the corresponding claims. Applicants' representative also argued that Agulnick teaches away from the proposed modification asserted by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Examiner Hutton agreed to withdraw the Office Action dated January 5, 2007. Examiner Hutton further indicated that Masui is deficient regarding certain claim limitations of claim 1, and would not likely be used in the next Office Action. Examiner Hutton indicated that the next Office Action would be received within the next 2-3 weeks.

Office Action dated January 5, 2007

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of the Office Action dated January 5, 2007. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of January 5, 2007 are similarly withdrawn. Applicants wish to thank Examiner Hutton for his consideration of this application, and anticipate the next Office Action within the time frame agree upon by Examiner Hutton.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

As discussed previously, if the Examiners believe a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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